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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN GREEK AND TURKISH MFA SECRETARIS GENERAL

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1. DURING A CALL ON MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TZOUNIS APRIL 21 ON ANOTHER MATTER, THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR ASKED HIM WHY THE APRIL 14 MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADORS THEODOROPOULOS AND ELEKDAG HAD BEEN POSTPONED AND WHEN THE MEETING MIGHT BE RESCHEDULED. TZOUNIS SAID THAT WHEN IT PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING TO THE GOT AND GOG HAD EXPLAINED IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE GREEK-TURKISH DIALOGUE TO DO SO BECAUSE OF THE ATMOSPHERE CREATED HERE BY PUBLIC REACTION TO THE USG DECISION TO SEEK REPEAL OF THE EMBARGO. THE GOG TOLD THE GOT THAT IT DID NOT THINK THE TALKS COULD SUCCEED UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES PREVAILING AND THEREFORE IT SEEMED DESIRABLE TO POSTPONE THE MEETING BETWEEN THE TWO SECRETARIES GENERAL FOR A WHILE. THE TURKS DISAGREED WITH THE GREEK POSITION, TZOUNIS ADDED, AND REFUSED TO ANNOUNCE JOINTLY POSTPONEMENT OF THE MEETING.

2. WHEN THE MEETING MIGHT BE RESCHEDULED WAS STILL UP IN THE AIR,
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ACCORDING TO TZOUNIS. IN ADDITION, CERTAIN RECENT STATEMENTS BY TURKISH SPOKESMEN WERE CASTING A SHADOW OVER THE PROSPECTS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE. A STATEMENT BY PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT IN A BBC INTERVIEW OF APRIL 14 HAD ANNOYED THE GOG AND PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS IN PARTICULAR. ECEVIT WAS REPORTED BY THE BBC AS SAYING THAT HE WAS "HOPEFUL THAT THE NINE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE EEC WILL NOT WANT TO INHERIT...TO TAKE OVER...THE

PROBLEM OF UNSETTLE TURKISH-GREEK DISPUTES. SUCH INVOLVEMENT WOULD RENDER EASY PROBLEMS RATHER INSOLUABLE." THE GOG, AND PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS PERSONALLY, HAD ALSO BEEN IRRITATED BY THE DISTORTED WAY IN WHICH CARAMANLIS' REMARKS TO ECEVIT AT MONTREUX CONCERNING THE EMBARGO HAD BEEN LEAKED TO THE PRESS BY THE GOT. IT WAS NOT CORRECT, TZOUNIS WENT ON, AS THE GOT LEAK ALLEGED, THAT CARAMANLIS HAD SAID HE WAS NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE EMBARGO. WHAT HE HAD TOLD ECEVIT WAS THAT HE WOULD NOT BE CONCERNED OVER THE EMBARGO IF THE TURKISH SIDE MADE REASONABLE AND POSITIVE PROPOSALS ON CYPRUS WHICH PERMITTED PROGRESS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH HE AVOIDED BEING SPECIFIC, TZOUNIS LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT THE GOG HAS NOT YET REACHED ANY DECISIONS AND IS STILL CONSIDERING THE QUESTION OF A SECOND CARAMANLIS-ECEVIT MEETING AND THUS THE RESCHEDULING OF THE THEODOROPOULOS-ELEKDAG MEETING TO PREPARE FOR IT.
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